

Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Cuckoo Loca's Coffee Caper



By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

"My four-year-old son, Finley, named our cat Cuckoo Loca after the tweety-bird who lives in a cuckoo clock in the Mickey Mouse cartoons," said Brandi. "On our way home from adopting her, she curled up on my son's lap. To this day, she enjoys car rides with our family. As we are leaving the house, she runs after us indicating that she wants to join us."

The plan worked great until earlier this month! Brandi put the children and cat into the car and off they went to grab a coffee. No one was planning on getting out of the car, so Cuckoo was not wearing her harness.

They drove through the coffee shop line with Cuckoo "happily chilling on the center console," said Brandi. "Finley rolled down his window to chat with the staff. Everything was normal until something spooked her and she jumped out of the window and disappeared."

The panicked family drove around looking. No luck. Everyone focused on finding their kitty, but she had vanished.

"It was raining and there was heavy traffic, so I knew she would be hiding," said Brandi. "We left our phone number with the coffee shop staff and went home."

Hours later, a Carl's Jr. employee found a kitten cowering outside their business. Another employee sat with her in her car until the Humane Society arrived. The 'missing wet passenger' was placed in a kennel at the This n That Shop.

"The Humane Society contacted me from my LOST post on 'What's Going On In Cottage Grove, Oregon' Facebook page," said Brandi. "I went to pick her up the next morning with two excited children in tow. Our little Cuckoo Loca was curled up in the corner of a kennel. She instantly recognized us, stood up, and came to give us kisses. She is so happy to be back with us. My son cried in the car on our way home because he wanted to hold her, but she was safely nestled in a cat carrier this time."

When we got home, Cuckoo greeted our other cat (who wasn't very happy to see her back) and our dog who didn't care, then she ran over to her food bowl and ate her heart out.

She is a great cat. The kids adore her. She always wants to be with her people even when we don't want her to be, but she's purr-sis-



COURTESY PHOTO

Kaylee and Cuckoo Loca out for a car ride.

tant until she wins. She loves adventures but we all need some sleep after her last one!"

TIPS

"It is wonderful what posting a LOST pet can do," said Janetta Overholser, president of Humane Society of Cottage Grove. "Thanks to the Carl's Jr. staff for realizing the cat was a stray and calling us. If

you lose an animal, advertise. If you find one, advertise. Spay/neuter your pets. Currently, cats are in heat driving male cats to seek female cats. Micro chipping is the fastest way to get a lost pet home when it is found."

Caution: pay attention! Just like our lives changed with the virus, last summer's fires changed predators' lives by displacing them. Predators have been seen around homes in town. It is spring, mating season, and time to feed their babies.

Tina wrote on the "What's Going On In Cottage Grove, Oregon" Facebook page, "I heard a pack of coyotes howling by the cemetery. I see people leaving their small dogs outside not realizing that coyotes can jump six feet into

backyards! Our weather is warming up, breeding is going on. Coyotes are coming into town in search of food (pets). Be aware!"

Nickie in B.C. wrote, "A cougar snatched a young, leashed German Shepherd 'Search and Rescue' dog away from his tall firefighter owner. There was nothing he could do."

Then Candace shared, "Where we used to live, a pack of coyotes would have one of their females in heat go near houses to lure our male dogs out."

We would love to hear about your pet. Write to angelscribe@msn.com

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Humane Society for Neuter/Spay Assistance Program: 541-942-3130

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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• School is definitely almost over. Seniors graduated last Friday, the sixth graders have visited the middle school, and school is out today, Thursday, June 17.

• On Wednesday, there was a drive-through eighth grade recognition. Students drove by, got certificates, and said goodbye to the staff.

• There is hope that students will be fully back in class in the fall. So, have a good summer.

• Lorane Grange is tentatively planning a dessert and bingo evening on Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Hope all you bingo players are ready to come out.

• Special thanks to Lorane Christian Church for continuing their outside services in cars along with those going inside.

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